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Human Trafficking to China and Gulf Countries
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether human trafficking to China and Gulf countries without valid visas is on the rise;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps, the Government proposes to take to prevent this menace?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a) & (b): As per information received from the Ministry of External Affairs, some cases where unscrupulous agents had brought Indian workers to Iraq without valid visa were reported. Details of the cases are at Annex-I. In so far as China is concerned, it has been reported that some Indians in China were brought with the promise of good salary/jobs. They were reportedly duped and abandoned by the travel agencies. The Mission in China arranged for their return to India. Details of these Cases are at Annex-II.

(c) Visual and print media campaigns are launched by MEA from time to time for promoting legal and safe migration and encouraging emigrants to use the services of registered Recruiting Agents to avoid being trapped by illegal/fake agents. The Ministry of External Affairs had also issued a Standard Operating Procedure in May 2016 to be followed by the States on receipt of complaints regarding cheating by illegal agents on the pretext of providing overseas jobs.

To address the general issue of Human Trafficking, the Ministry of Home Affairs issues advisories to all States and UTs from time to time providing guidance to check the menace of Human Trafficking, both inter-State and trans-national. The Government of India has provided financial assistance to the States for setting up Anti-Human Trafficking Units at District level. Training is also provided to State Police personnel in prevention and investigation of the crime of trafficking. The Government of India has also signed bilateral Memorandums of Understanding with UAE and Bangladesh on prevention of Human Trafficking.

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